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**Re: Sierra Club Political Committee - Identification No.: C00135368**

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter responds to your request for additional information regarding the Sierra Club Political Committee's September Monthly Report. While your letter is dated November 13, I did not receive it until November 26, 1996. Therefore, it was not possible to file a response within 15 days of the date of the letter.

You raised a question concerning the information provided on Schedule E of this report itemizing independent expenditures including salary & benefits expenses, rent and furniture rental expenses. These expenses were incurred in furtherance of Sierra Club Political Committee's ("SCPC") independent expenditures as stated in the report. SCPC hired staff and paid related expenses for the purpose of communicating with the general public to advocate the election or defeat of particular candidates. The activities organized by the staff included communications such as literature drops and direct mail. We understand that costs incurred in the course of making independent expenditures are properly reported on Schedule E.

If the Commission would prefer that the independent expenditures be disclosed in another way, the Committee will follow the Commission's guidance. We believed,

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however, that in the interest of full disclosure, all expenditures for independent campaign activity should be reported on Schedule E to ensure that the public is notified of such spending by a political committee.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Daniel Weiss / BHS*

Daniel Weiss  
Treasurer, Sierra Club Political Committee

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